

# Vision for our Children

## What would God want our children to become?

- ◆ Biblically literate
- ◆ Obedient to the Word
- ◆ Great view of God and confidence in God
- ◆ Able to persevere in the midst of trial
- ◆ Equipped and bold to share their faith
- ◆ Compassion for the needy and the lost
- ◆ Committed to prayer
- ◆ Able to talk in Biblical and Theological categories
- ◆ Practice spiritual disciplines: prayer, Bible reading, memory work, exercising spiritual gift, corporate worship, journaling
- ◆ Loving Jesus and loving others
- ◆ Passionate for God's glory to the nations
- ◆ Secure commitment to Christ

## How might this affect our church?

*By God's grace we will become a church where:*

- *Increasing numbers of children are drawn in through excellent ministry, periodic outreach events and mailings, and church families that are passionate about reaching their neighborhood and community.*
- *Children grow up to be rooted in the Word, instructed through a God-centered, Christ-exalting, thoughtfully composed curriculum, challenged to not only know God but to submit to Him, enabled to think and speak in biblical and theological categories, practiced in the spiritual disciplines.*
- *Children are so loved, cared for, and valued by the adults that they come to love being with God's people in worship, prayer, instruction and service.*
- *Children are equipped to serve in their world as Christ served in His, given opportunities to use their gifts to build up the church, challenged to share their faith with the lost, led in missions of mercy and compassion, enflamed with a passion for God's glory to the nations.*
- *Teachers and other volunteers joyfully serve in teams, fully equipped with vision, resources, and skills, encouraged, supported and celebrated by their supervisors, enabled to minister not only to the child but to the whole family.*
- *Parents are fully equipped with vision, resources, and skills to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, actively and consistently modeling and teaching the truth, leading their children into acts of service in*

*the church and in the world, seeking to redeem the culture instead of retreating from or thoughtlessly imbibing it.*

- *Community families are drawn into the church because of their observation of and interaction with church families who are living out the beauty of the gospel.*